

FACT OR FICTION AND THE WILD WEST

Throughout American history there are many stories of courage and hardship. Many of these stories are true or contain truthful elements, while others are myths that have been portrayed as truth. This activity will evaluate the accuracy of the Wild West (1860s to 1890s)!

Activity 1: Statements

Review each of the statements below. In your groups divide up the statements between group members.

Read each of the statement carefully and in their entirety.

1. The US Government introduced camels into the state of Texas.
2. "Billy the Kid" gunned down 27 men until his eventual capture.
3. The O.K. Corral gun battle lasted only about one minute.
4. Jesse James was actually assassinated by one of his own group members.
5. The Pony Express mail service made deliveries from coast to coast.
6. During the Wild West era playing cards were produced featuring some of the most notorious gunslingers.



Activity 2: Research

Research your particular statement and thoroughly fill in the information below.

Statement		
The Verdict: (circle)	Fact	Fiction
The Real Story: What is the real story? Explain in-depth		
Sources: Two <u>reputable</u> sources necessary Cite in MLA Style	1. 2.	



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Activity 3: Sharing

After you have completed the research phase share your research with group members.

Further Instructions:

1. Arrange the desks of group members together.
2. Allow each group member to share their research about their statement.
3. In the space below take some brief notes about four of the statements.



Statement Notes:

Statement	
The Verdict: (circle)	Fact Fiction
Summary Notes:	

Statement	
The Verdict: (circle)	Fact Fiction
Summary Notes:	

Statement	
The Verdict: (circle)	Fact Fiction
Summary Notes:	

Statement	
The Verdict: (circle)	Fact Fiction
Summary Notes:	